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CONFERENCE:

Q. A WEEK AGO YOU SPOKE ABOUT NEGOTIATIONS IN SOUTHERN
AFRICA BEING IN A FORMATIVE STATE. THAT MEANS TO SAY
THAT YOU SILL NOT BE EXPECTED TO GIVE ANY DETAILS. CAN
YOU GIVE US A GENERAL IDEA AS TO WHAT US DIPLOMACY IS UP
TO AND WHAT ROLE, IF ANY, THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITY WILL
PLAY?

A. WE ARE OBVIOUSLY TRYING TO FIND A BASIS BYWHICH PROGRESS
CAN BE MADE TOWARDS SELF DETERMINATION IN SOUTHERN
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AFRICA WITH PARTICULARLY EMPHASIS IN THIS PHASE ON

RHODESIA AND NAMIBIA. WE ARE IN THE CLOSEST TOUCH WITH GREAT BRITAIN ON THE RHODESIAN QUESTION BECAUSE OF ITS HISTORICAL AND LEGAL RESPONSIBILITIES. WE ALSO EXCHANGED VIEWS ON THIS MATTER WITH THE DUTCH FOREIGN MINISTER - WE BELIEVE THAT THE PROBLEMS OF AFRICA ARE NOT AMERICAN PROBLEMS BUT OF COURSE FIRST OF ALL THEY ARE AFRICAN PROBLEMS BUT IF ANY OTHER OUTSIDE COUNTRIES TAKE AN INTEREST IN IT, I THINK, EUROPE, BECAUSE OF ITS HISTORIC RELATIONSHIP TO IT HAS A MAJOR RESPONSIBILITY AS WELL. SO, OUR BASIC CONCERN IS TO DIFFUSE THE SITUATION THAT MAY BE DRIFTING TOWARDS RADICAL AND VIOLENT SOLUTIONS WITH GREAT RAPIDITY AND TO FIND AN OUTCOME THAT RESPECTS THE DIGNITY OF ALL OF THE COMMUNITIES INVOLVED THERE AND WHICH IS ACHIEVED BY NEGOTIATION BUT TIME IS CLEARLY RUNNING OUT AND THIS GIVES A CERTAIN URGENCY TO OUR EFFORTS.

Q. ABOUT SOUTHERN AFRICA, YOU SPOKE ABOUT RHODESIA AND NAMIBIA. FIRST QUESTION: IS THE QUESTION OF SELF DETERMINATION ALSO CRITICAL TO SOUTH AFRICA? SECOND QUESTION: ABOUT THE MIDDLE EAST . (INAUDIBLE -- IN THE PAST, THE RESPONSIBLE ROLE OF SYRIA IN LEBANON. DO YOU THINK AT THIS MOMENT THAT SYRIA IS STILL PLAYING A RESPONSIBLE ROLE IN LEBANON OR NOT?

A. THE UNITED STATES HAS EXPRESSED ITS OPPOSITION TO THE POLICY OF APARTHEID AND IT HAS REPEATEDLY CALLED ATTENTION TO THE NEED TO HEED THE WARNINGS OF (INAUDIBLE) ARE REFLECTED IN SUCH ISSUES AND SUCH TRAGEDIES AS THE RIOTS THAT HAVE RECENTLY OCCURRED IN SOUTH AFRICA. AT THE SAME TIME, WE BELIEVE THAT THE PROBLEM IN SOUTH AFRICA HAS A DIFFERENT DIMENSION FROM THE PROBLEM OF RHODESIA AND LIBYA IN THE SENSE THAT THE LATTER CAN BE CALLED, CAN BE GENERALLY PUT UNDER THE CATEGORY OF THE VESTIGES OF A COLONIAL PERIOD WHILE SOUTH AFRICA WHATEVER ONE THINKS OF THE MORAL QUALITY OF APARTHEID IS NOT A COLONIAL PROBLEM BUT AN AFRICAN PROBLEM AND THEREFORE ITREQUIRES A DIFFERENT MODE OF SOLUTION. AND A DIFFERENT APPROACH. BUT WE ARE IN PRINCIPLE OPPOSED TO THE POLICY OF APARTHEID AND HAVE STATED SO REPEATEDLY.

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WITH RESPECT TO LEBANON, OUR VIEW IS THAT THE MASTERS (MUDDLED) FORMULA OF EARLY THIS YEAR, THE BEST SOLUTION TO THE PROBLEM OF LEBANON, THAT IS TO A CERTAIN REAPPORTIONMENT OF POWER AS BETWEEN THE CHRISTIANS AND THE MOSLEMS COMMUNITIES BUT NEVERTHELESS AN ESSENTIAL BALANCE IN THEIR POLITICAL INFLUENCE. THIS IS WHAT WE CONSIDERED A RESPONSIBLE SOLUTION. AS FOR THE INDIVIDUAL MODES THAT ARE BEING CARRIED OUT WE ARE NOT IN FAVOROF INTERFERENCE

OF ANY OUTSIDE COUNTRY AND OUR PRESENT CONVICTION IS THAT THERE SHOULD BE A ROUNDTABLE CONFERENCE AMONG ALL OF THE PARTIES TO BRING ABOUT A SOLUTION.

Q. INAUDIBLE.

A. AS A GENERAL PROPOSITION I CANNOT ACCEPT THE ARGUMENT THAT WHENEVER THERE IS A DEADLOCK IN THE NORTH-SOUTH DIALOGUE IT IS UP TO THE US TO BREAK IT. NOR CAN I ACCEPT AS A GENERAL PROPOSITION THE ARGUMENT THAT WE MUST ALWAYS TALK ON AN AGENDA THAT IS PROPOSED BY THE GROUP OF 77. I BELIEVE WE HAD VERY GOOD TALKS WITH THE FOREIGN MINISTER AND MINISTER PRONK ABOUT THE GENERAL PROPOSITION THIS DIALOGUE MIGHT TAKE. I EXPECT TO MEET THE CANADIAN FOREIGN MINISTER WHO IS THE CHAIRMAN OF THE CONFERENCE, CO-CHAIRMAN OF THE CONFERENCE NEXT WEEK. I WILL ALSO INVITE THE MINISTER PERS GORILLE (WE DIDN'T KNOW THE SPELLING) TO MEET WITH ME AND I THINK THAT AFTER I'VE HAD THOSE TWO MEETINGS IT WILL BE CLEARER ABOUT WHAT PROGRESS CAN BE MADE.

Q. INAUDIBLE.

A. WELL, THIS A QUESTION ABOUT ANOTHER FRIENDLY GOVERNMENT (AUSTRIA). I HAVE TO TELL YOU I HAVE NOT STUDIED ALL THE DETAILS OF WHAT HAPPENED DURING MY TRIP. OF COURSE WE BELIEVE THAT THE DIVIDING LINE AND THE MANNER IN WHICH IT IS ENFORCED IS ITSELF CONTRARY TO THE ASPIRATION OF THE GERMAN PEOPLE AND THAT WE DEPLORE THIS SEPARATION OF THE PEOPLES OF THE TWO GERMANY'S. I WOULD BELIEVE THAT IT MIGHT WELL BE DISCUSSED IN BELGRADE BUT I HAD

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RESERVED TO STUDY ALL THE INCIDENTS WHEN I RETURNED
SINCE I HAVE BEEN TRAVELING FOR 10 DAYS.

Q. HAS THE LOCKHEED AFFAIR COME UP IN YOUR DISCUSSIONS
TODAY?

A. WE HAVE TAKEN THE POSITION FROM THE BEGINNING THAT
THE LOCKHEED AFFAIR IS A LEGAL PROBLEM AND NOT A
FOREIGN POLICY PROBLEM BETWEEN THE US AND ANY OTHER
COUNTRY AND IN PURSUIT OF THIS WE HAVE DELIBERATELY
NOT INFORMED OURSELVES OF ANY OF THE DOCUMENTS INVOLVED
AND HAVE INSISTED THAT THEY BE HANDLED STRICTLY BETWEEN
THE LEGAL AUTHORITIES OF THE US AND THE COUNTRIES
CONCERNED. THIS BEING OUR POSITION WE HAVE NO BASIS FOR
ANY DISCUSSION ON THE FOREIGN MINISTER LEVEL. THE ISSUE
WAS NOT RAISED OR DISCUSSED.

A. BY MR. VAN DER STOEL: I CAN ONLY CONFIRM WHAT THE
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SECRETARY HAS JUST SAID.

Q. YOU HAVE IN THE LAST COUPLE OF WEEKS SPOKEN OF
A NEED FOR A ROUNDTABLE CONFERENCE ON THE MIDDLE EAST
SITUATION. HAVE YOU EVER HAD ANY FAVORABLE RESPONSE
FROM ANY OF THE PARTIES AND WOULD YOU CONSIDER IT ADVISABLE
FOR THE US PURPOSE (GARBLE?).

A. THERE HAVE BEEN AT VARIOUS TIMES INDICATIONS FROM
VARIOUS PARTIES THAT THEY MIGHT BE WILLING TO DO IT
BUT IT HAS NEVER BEEN POSSIBLE TO BRING THEM TO THE
POINT OF FRUITION. I DON'T BELIEVE THAT THE US SHOULD
INVITE ITSELF TO SUCH A CONFERENCE. IF ALL THE PARTIES
WERE TO AGREE TO INVITE US WE WOULD HAVE TO LOOK AT IT
BUT I CONSIDER THAT AN UNLIKELY PROSPECT.

Q. ...GARBLE. IS THIS A GENERAL PRINCIPLE OF YOUR
GOVERNMENT OR IS THE PRINCIPLE (MORE GARBLE)?

A. IN THE SENSE OF ENGAGING IN A NEGOTIATION IN WHICH WE WOULD SACRIFICE A HUMANITARIAN PRINCIPLE FOR SOME OTHER BENEFIT I WOULD SAY AS A GENERAL PROPOSITION IF YOU APPLY IT IN A MORE ABSTRACT WAY IT IS CLEAR WE ALSO HAVE TO WEIGH SECURITY AND ECONOMIC FACTORS TOGETHER WITH HUMANITARIAN FACTORS IN RELATION TO MANY ISSUES IN THE WORLD AND THAT CREATES THE DILEMMAS OF POLICY MAKING.

Q. DOES THERE NOW EXIST A CLEAR DANGER OF AN ARMED CONFLICT BETWEEN GREECE AND TURKEY?

A. I CANNOT BELIEVE THAT THOSE TWO COUNTRIES WHICH HAVE ALREADY SUFFERED SO MUCH FROM THEIR CONFLICT WOULD RESORT TO ARMED MEANS TO SETTLE AN ISSUE WHICH SERIOUS AS IT IS HAS NOT EXHAUSTED ITSELF OF ALL PEACEFUL MEANS. GREECE HAS TAKEN THE CASE TO THE SECURITY COUNCIL AND I WOULD BELIEVE THIS OFFERS ONE WAY IN WHICH THE DISCUSSION OF THE ISSUE CAN OCCUR. SO I DO NOT BELIEVE THAT ARMED CONFLICT COULD OCCUR AND THE US WILL USE ALL ITS INFLUENCE WITH BOTH PARTIES TO URGE THEM TO EXPLORE THE MANY MEANS OF PEACEFUL SOLUTION THAT ARE STILL AVAILABLE. AND I BELIEVE THAT THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITY HAS A SIMILAR UNCLASSIFIED

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ATTITUDE.

Q. YOU SAID THAT THE TIME WAS RUNNING OUT IN NAMIBIA AND RHODESIA. YOU SAID YOU ARE IN CLOSE TOUCH WITH BRITAIN AS FAR AS POLICY IS CONCERNED. WOULD YOU SAY TIME HAS COME NOW FOR BRITAIN FOR A MAJOR INITIATIVE?

A. IF I POINTED OUT THAT WE ARE IN THE CLOSEST TOUCH WITH GREAT BRITAIN I BELIEVE THAT OUR POLICIES ARE ESSENTIALLY IN HARMONY ON THIS MATTER. WE ARE NOT AHEAD OF GREAT BRITAIN IN THE POLICY WE ARE PURSUING. WE ARE NOT URGING HER TO GO ANY FASTER. MATTERS ARE PROCEEDING AT THE PACE WE CONSIDER APPROPRIATE AND WE AND BRITAIN HAVE ESSENTIALLY AGREED THAT IS THE MOST EFFECTIVE WAY TO PROCEED SO WE HAVE NO PRIVATE OR EVEN LESS PUBLIC ADVICE TO EXTEND TO GREAT BRITAIN AT THIS MOMENT. WE HAVE TO KEEP ONE COUNTRY ON THIS CONTINENT, IN EUROPE ON FRIENDLY TERMS.

Q. MANY ARE CONCERNED ABOUT CHANGES OF AMERICAN POLICY WITH THE CHANGE OF GOVERNMENT. CAN YOU SAY ANYTHING TO ALLAY THIS EUROPEAN ANXIETY?

A. OF COURSE, I DON'T ANTICIPATE A CHANGE IN

GOVERNMENT BUT IN THE UNLIKELY EVENT THAT THIS WERE TO
HAPPEN THE AMERICAN FOREIGN POLICY IS DETERMINED
BY THE PERMANENT INTEREST AND VALUES OF THE US. I
BELIEVE THAT ANY RESPONSIBLE LEADER WILL INTERPRET
THOSE IN AN ANALOGOUS WAY, AND WHILE THERE ARE UNDOUBTEDLY
DIFFERENCES IN EMPHASES I WOULD THINK THE MAIN LINES
OF AMERICAN FOREIGN POLICY ARE DETERMINED BY OUR INTERESTS
AND NOT BY OUR PARTIES. END OF PRESS CONFERENCE.
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